

Remarks

Claims 9-22 are pending in the present application after cancellation of claim 8. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

In response to the Examiner's objection to the specification, Applicant has amended the relevant paragraphs on pages 5 and 8 of the Substitute Specification to eliminate the informalities. Furthermore, regarding the informality noted by the Examiner regarding claim 8, Applicant has corrected the noted informality (to the extent the features of claim 8 have now been incorporated into claim 9).

The Examiner objected to claims 9 and 11-22 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, i.e., claim 8, but the Examiner indicated that claims 9 and 11-22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Since claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the features of base claim 8 (with the correction of the informality noted by the Examiner regarding line 3 of base claim 8), Applicants submit that claim 9 and its dependent claims 11-22 are in condition for allowance. Furthermore, claim 10 is also allowable by virtue of its amended dependence on claim 9.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

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